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Workshop Minutes
Master Planning
November 15, 2010

Meeting Posted: Yes
Place: Ritter Memorial Building, 960 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg, MA 01462
Time: 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL: Emerick R. Bakaysa, Joanna L. Bilotta, Robert J. Saiia, Thomas W. Bodkin Jr., Nathan J. Lockwood, Marion M. Benson

MINUTES: Signed 10-18-10, Motion, Mr. Lockwood, Second, Ms. Bilotta, Motion passed.

MASTER PLANNING SEMINAR: Chair noted general discussion for consensus of direction in preparation of the Master Plan update. Director noted there were copies for each member of the outline presented by the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative at its Master Planning Seminar hosted by MRPC. Also presented was the Land Use portion of the Chelmsford Master Plan.

PROCESS AND PROCEDURE: Mr. Saiia noted his concern for the Facility Element in regard to the schools. His major concern was the high school. He felt the process of deciding the correct resolution to the problem of an old outdated building was taking too long. He felt the Planning Board should be the impetus to get a decision for a plan to take care of updating, building new, or joining an existing regional system. Discussion ensued that spoke to the issue that while the School Department's forecast of solutions would be part of the Master Plan, the Schools present the avenue of solution to the Town.

General discussion took place with different elements being presented as the most important to review and update. Land use, economics, open space, and housing were listed. Mr. Lockwood suggested the 2002 Master Plan and supplements be re-read by the Board, a list presented at the next meeting to be prioritized, and a process designed to include committees and input from the general public through envisioning.

A time line was presented with May 2011 as a possibility. Mr. Lockwood felt it would be more advantageous to complete a section, or sections, for May 2011 and set new timelines for other elements. Director noted that the new proposed legislation will play a part in the future Master Plan. Also noted new census data that can be written into the Plan. This can be handled by the Director. Mr. Bodkin Jr. noted that the entire plan did not require updating.

Further discussion touched on the importance of land use and economics. Also mentioned was a method of utilizing open space trails, etc. that would benefit the community by presenting commercial opportunities.

Ms. Bilotta spoke to the length of time that is being taken for the decision of processes and procedures. She felt the Board should get to the task of master planning.

In summary, all members shall review the 2002 Master Plan and accompanying paperwork and make a report on the items and issues of importance to them. Plans for updating will be made from those reports. The next Master Planning workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:15 PM, Ms. Bilotta, Second, Mr. Bodkin Jr.

Attachments:
Creating a Master Plan, Citizen Planner Training Collaborative
Land Use and Zoning, Chelmsford Master Plan

Minutes/2010/11-15-10 MP workshop